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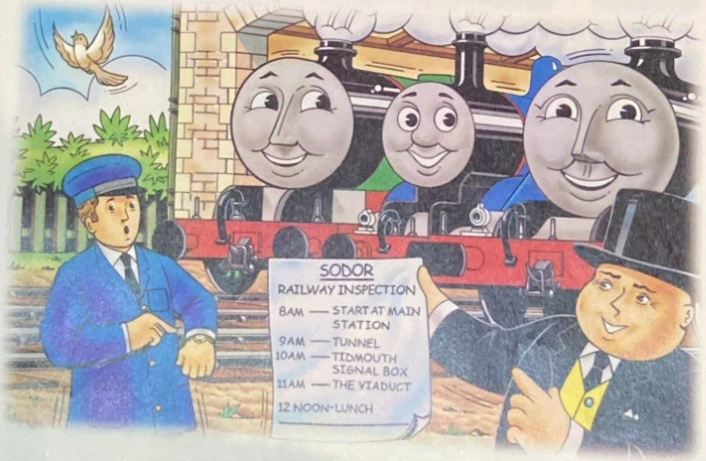
Thomas' Read Aloud Story

Thomas Chimes In

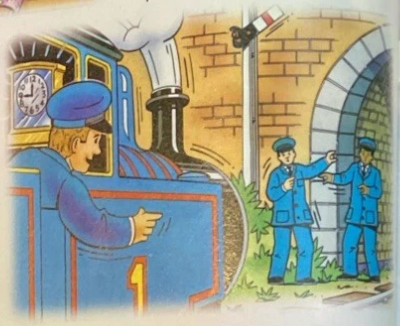


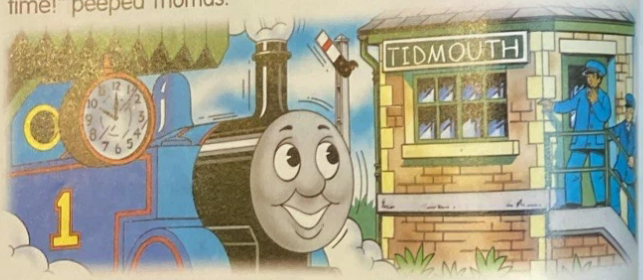
1. One morning, The Fat Controller had an important task for Thomas. "The Railway Inspectors are visiting to check our signalling. Thomas, you will be taking them to see all our main junctions and danger spots!"

2. He held up a list of times and places. "They'll be very busy, so I've made an Inspection Timetable!" he added. Thomas peeped excitedly, "I'll keep good time, Sir!" But Driver groaned, "Oh, no, my watch is broken!"

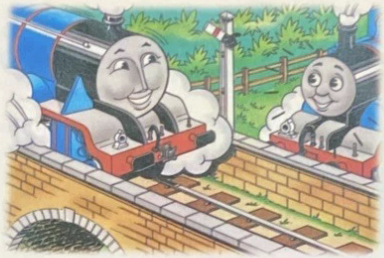
3. As the Inspectors boarded, The Fat Controller blew out his cheeks crossly, then he heard something. "DING DONG, DING DONG…" Suddenly, he smiled, "That's it! You can have my office clock in your cab!"

4. At the first tunnel, Thomas stopped to let the Inspectors off. As they checked the signal, nine loud chimes rang out from Thomas' cab. "It's a loud chimer!" grinned Driver. "9 o'clock, first tunnel, we're dead on time!" peeped Thomas.





5. At Tidmouth, the Inspectors made for the signal box. "Shut off steam, please. Some peace and quiet will help," said one of them. As they climbed the steps, Thomas chimed 10! "Less of that cheek, Thomas!" they shouted.



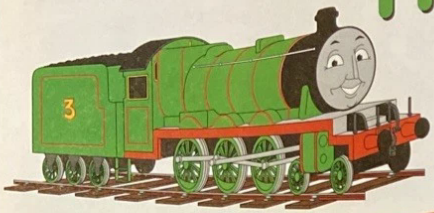
6. Next, they had to check the viaduct signals. As Gordon thundered over it, Thomas chimed. "DING DONG, DING DONG…" Gordon looked shocked, as Thomas explained. "It's chime time! Every hour on the hour!"

7. An hour later, Thomas pulled in at the Main Station and started to chime again. The Inspectors stepped out of Annie. "That's a very unusual chiming engine you have, Sir Topham!" one said curiously.

8. The Fat Controller winked at Thomas, "It's the only one of its kind and I am very proud of it! Now that was 12 o'clock, Thomas has never been late for lunch and nor have I. Come on, I'll treat you all in the station café!"

The End

Henry's Counting Time



It's very important that the engines are on time, as the people on the Island of Sodor rely on them every day!

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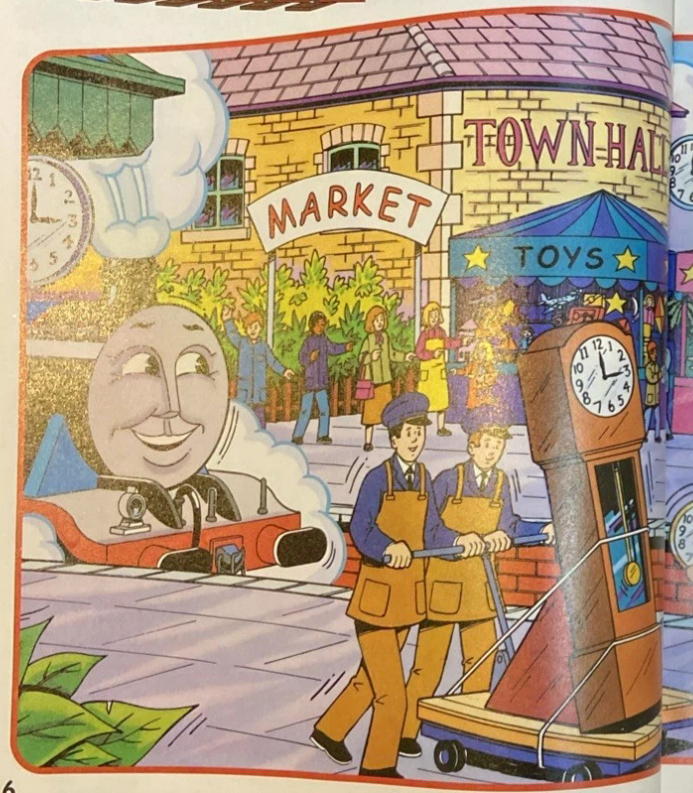
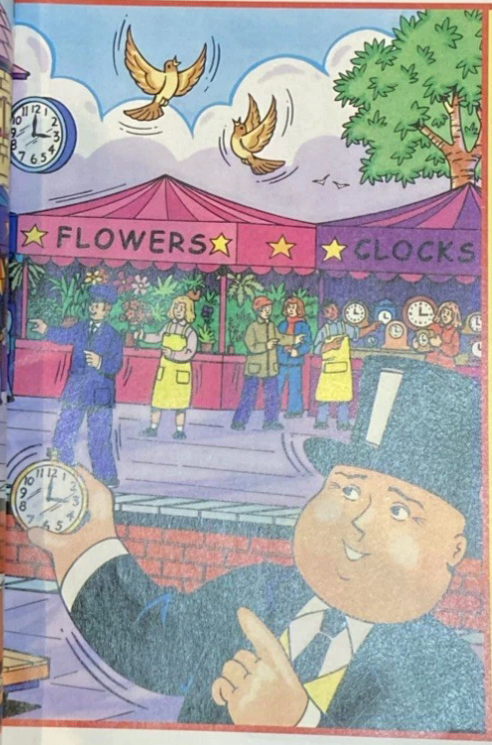
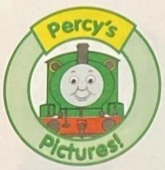




Can you find all of these things in the picture?

Tick the circles as you find each one.

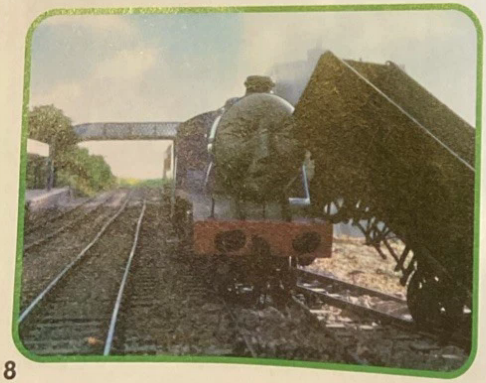
- grandfather clock
- pocket watch
- station clock
- town hall clock
- a market stall of clocks



Percy's Pictures

In their effort to stay on time, the engines sometimes rush and make mistakes!

Poor Percy had a collision with a crate at the docks. He was trying to hurry the trucks and the workmen along.



Gordon the Express Engine was in a big rush to get his passengers to the Main Station. Sadly, he didn't see a waiting truck on the line and bumped straight into it!

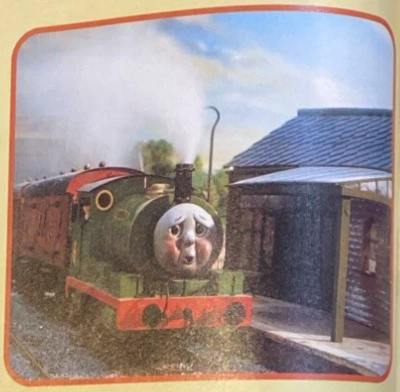
Thomas was running late and in his efforts to make up for lost time, steamed right off the track and into an old barn.

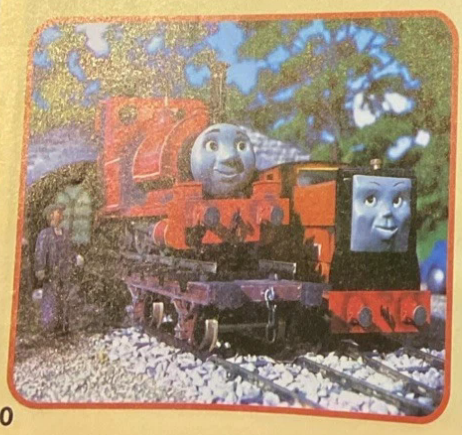
The Fat Controller always tells his engines, that although it is important to be on time, it is more important that they arrive at their destinations safely.

Work, Rest and Play

The engines work hard on the railways and The Fat Controller is very proud of them. Whether they are a big express engine or a small tank engine, the Island of Sodor depends on them all.

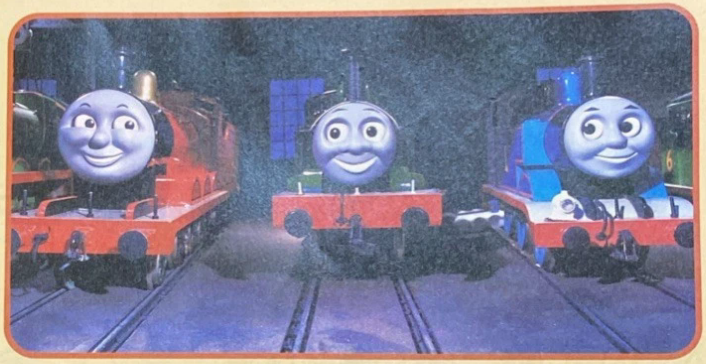
What type of engine is Percy?





Even though the engines are busy, they always have time to help each other. Here, Skarloey is off to the works and Rusty has come to collect him!

What type of engine is Skarloey?



At the end of each day, the engines head back to the shed where they talk and laugh about their adventures.

Point to James.

And after a busy day with their mischievous engines, the drivers like nothing more than to put their feet up for a short nap!

What is the driver doing?

Early Risers!

It's an early start for Thomas.
Brighten up his day with your colourful pens!

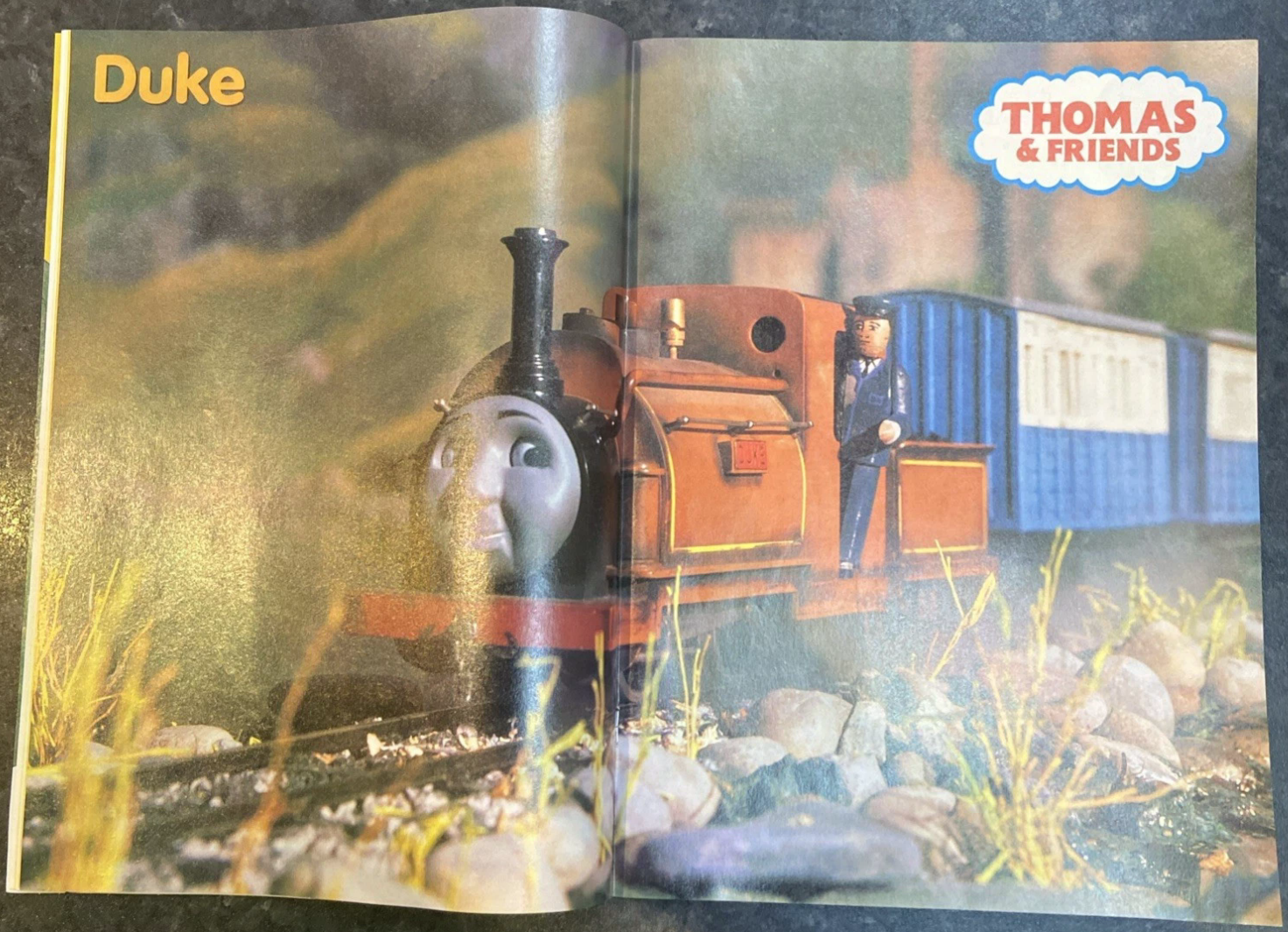
Colour in this picture brightly!

Traffic Jam!

George is causing problems on the road and people are late for work.

How many of the following things can you find in the big picture? Write your answers in the circles.

Apart from the cars, who else is caught in the jam?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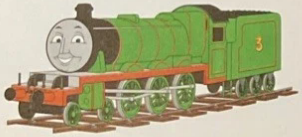
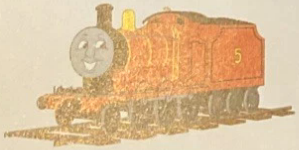
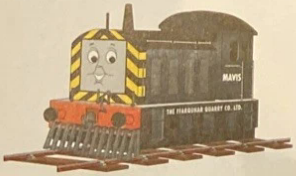
Keeping Time







The Fat Controller has checked his watch and everybody's arrived on time! Look at the clocks below and say the time. Then trace over the words.

2 o'clock

4 o'clock

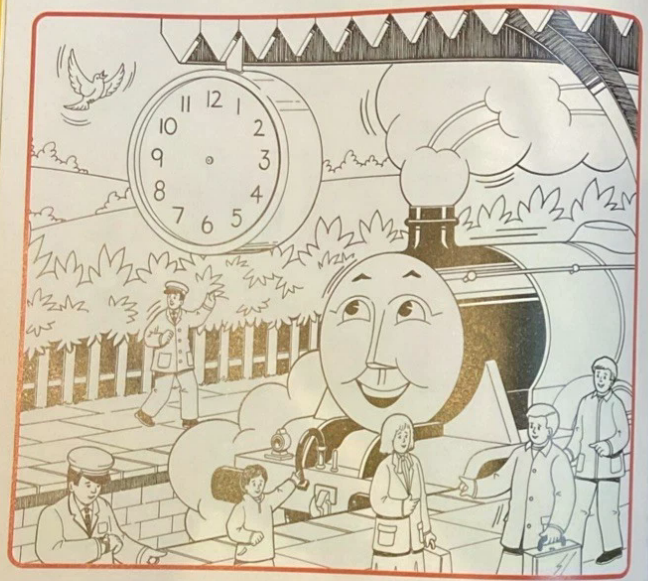
6 o'clock

8 o'clock

10 o'clock

On Time

It's 10 o'clock and Gordon has arrived at the station on time. However, the station clock hands are missing. Can you add them so that the clock is showing 10 o'clock?



Now colour in the picture with your pens and crayons, making sure that you include the colours that are in the boxes somewhere in the picture.

Too fast

Trace over the words below. Then read Rusty's rhyme. When you see a picture, say the right word!

Percy

time

driver

flowers

There's something always hates,

And that is when he's running late.

So hurtles on his way

He boasts, "I'll make good today!"

He goes so fast his load tips out

hears the shout!

From his truck fall crates of ,

Now groans, "I'll be here for hours."

Percy's Postbag

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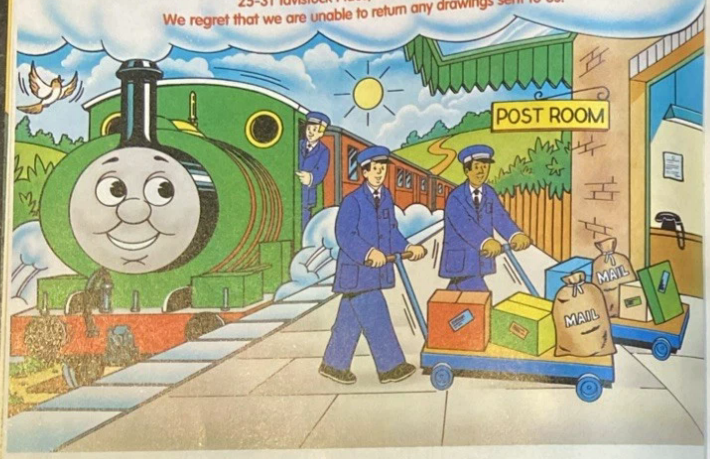
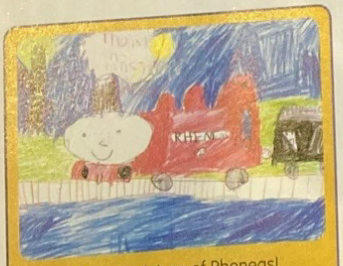
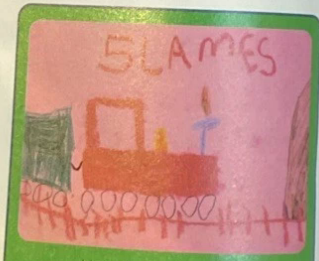




A lovely picture of Rheneas!
By **Sam Starodub**, aged 6.



Here comes James!
By **Richard Kibler**, aged 5.

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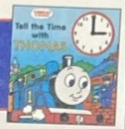

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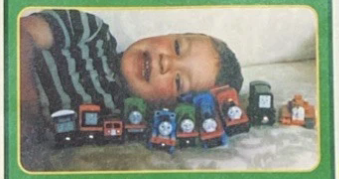

Dear Fat Controller,
Here is a photo of me with my engine collection. Henry is my favourite. I park them safely in their engine shed every night.
Love from Thomas Owen-Evans, aged 3.

If we print your Star letter, you will receive one of these splendid Thomas Big Loader from TOMY.

A lovely collage of Thomas!
By **Alexander Garrido**, aged 4.

The Fat Controller would like to say Happy Birthday to... Dillon Hagan, aged 3. Tomos Lee Caldwell, aged 4. Wilan Hewes, aged 3. Scott Hippisley-Blampied, aged 3. Cameron Smith, aged 4. Cameron Green, aged 3. Jack Dowling, aged 3. Thomas Gennaid, aged 4. Adam Boxall, aged 3. Leo Horsman, aged 3.

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Thomas Token
Ask an adult to cut out the token for you!

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slow signs

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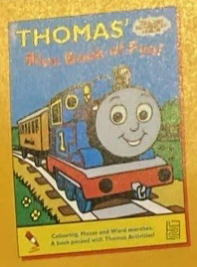

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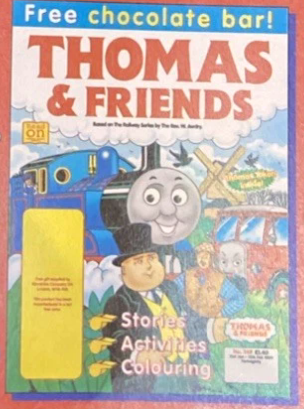

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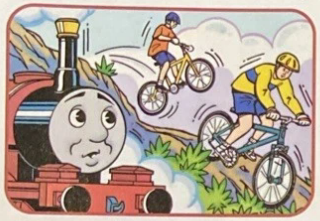
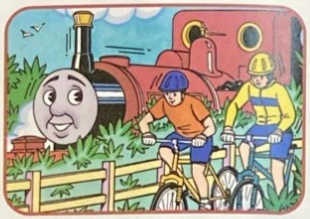
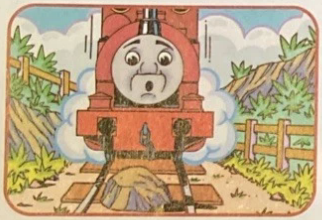


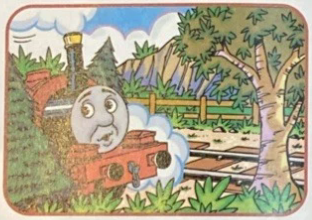
"Mountain biking, that's lots of fun,
jumps and bumps and all!



If only I could follow you!"
the bikers heard Skarloey call.



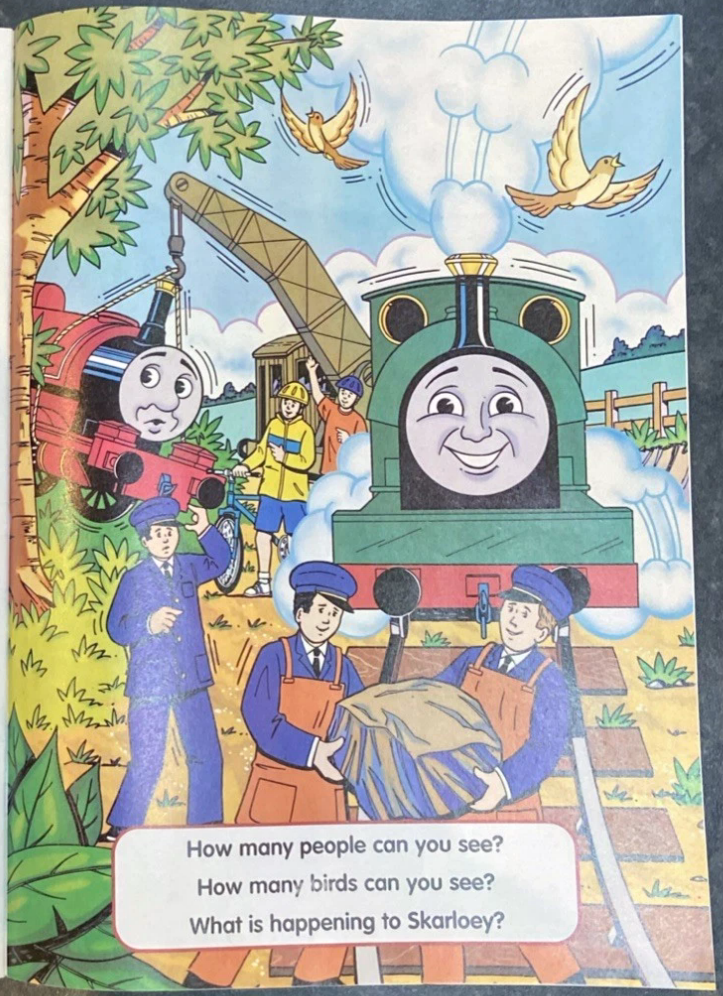
Suddenly, a rock came loose
and rolled onto the lines...



Skarloey did a hop and skip
and jumped into the pines!

The bikers came to help him out,
one called the breakdown crew...

His cheeky friend remained and said,
"What other tricks d'you do?"



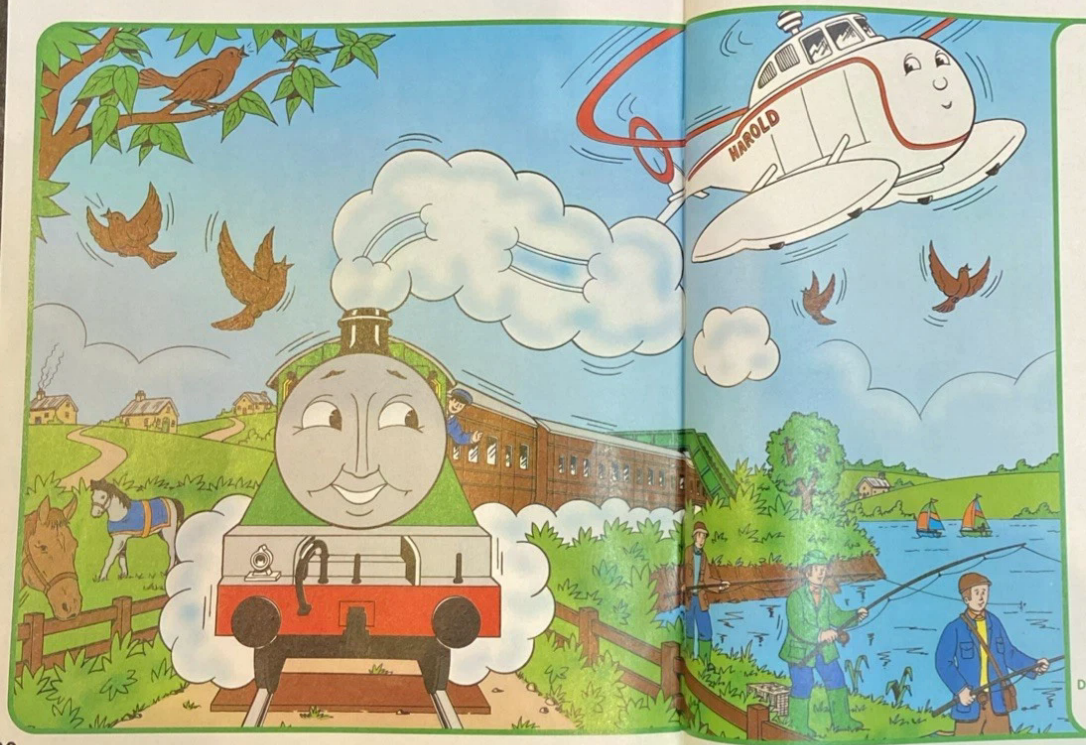
How many people can you see?

How many birds can you see?

What is happening to Skarloey?

h is for hurry!

'Hurry' begins with the letter H h.
How many things beginning with H h can you find in this picture?



Now practise writing a H h

H h

H h

H h

H h

H h

(write over the letters, starting at the dots)

Did you spot:
Henry, horses, houses, Harold, hats, hedgerows, hook, hills

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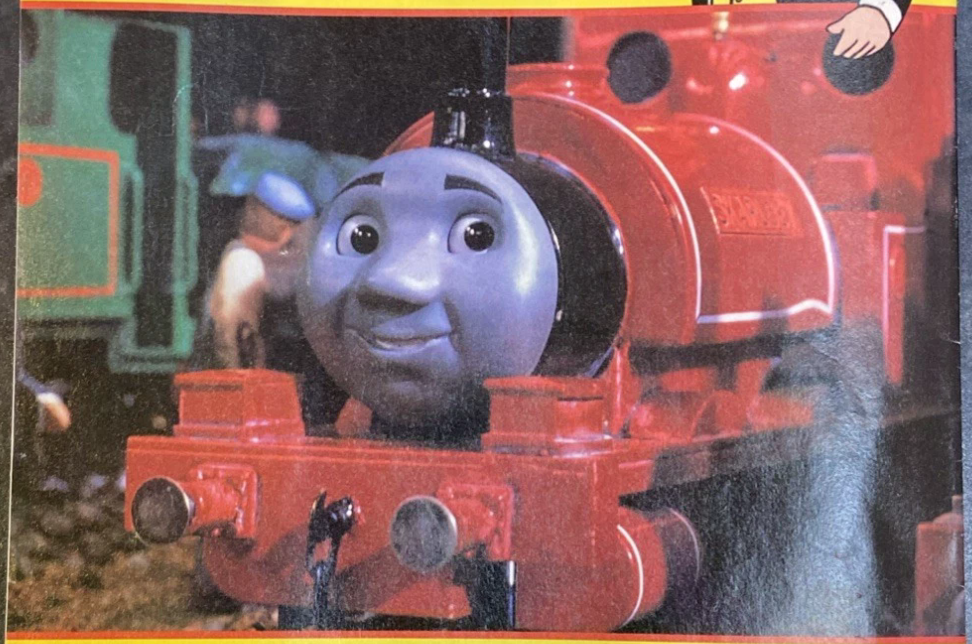

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